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Madonna's stunning new

THERE was only one way for Madonna to beat the cold and driving rain at the start of her first tour in three years — move around the stage with amazing and unflagging energy.

The opening of the superstar's "Breathless" tour was marred by bad weather, but the 35,000 adoring fans who saw the first shows at the Chiba Marine stadium, outside Tokyo, didn't mind.

They were awe-struck by Madonna's brilliant performance and

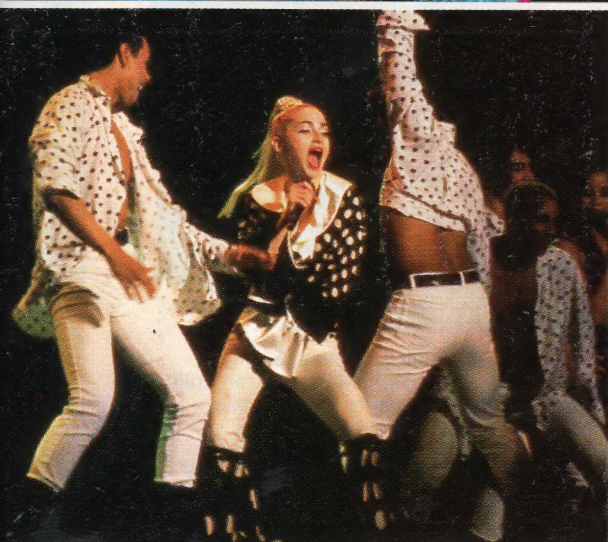
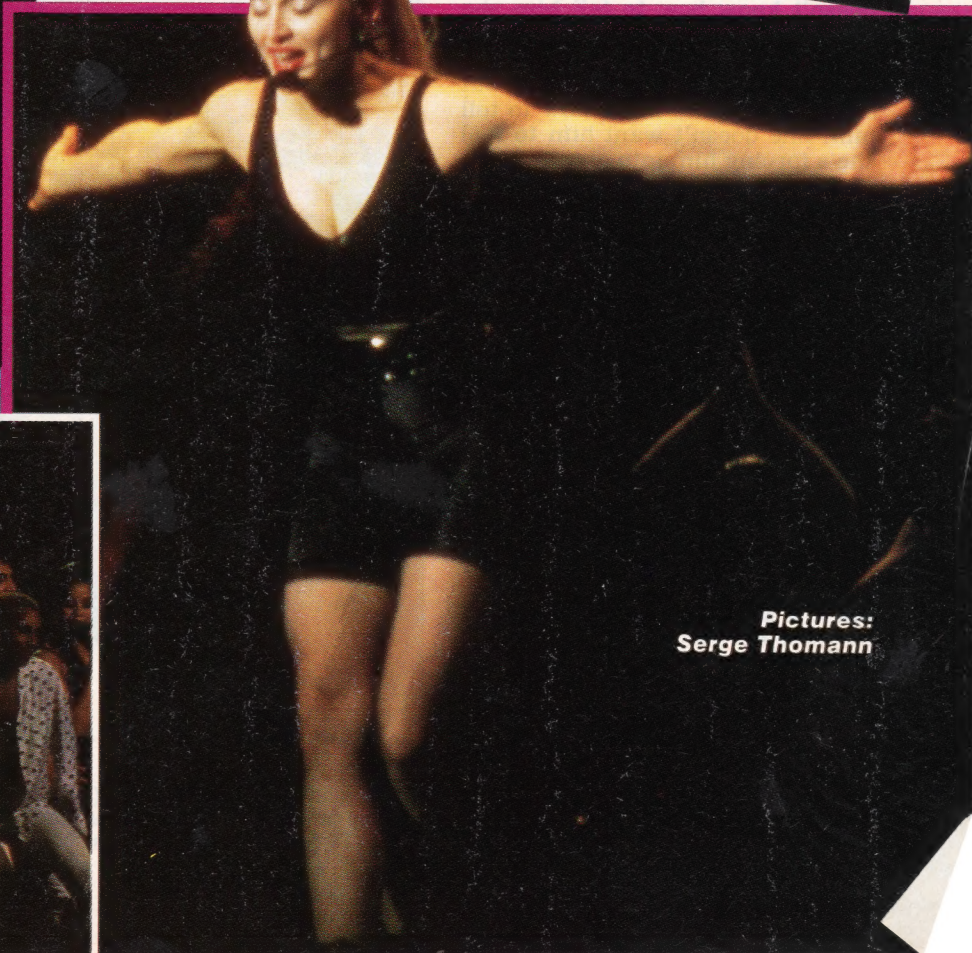


VOGUE!

stage show rocks Japan

amazing array of new costumes. With six male and two female dancers, Madonna went through her staggering string of hits.

In a powerhouse two hours, which started with Express Yourself and other cuts from her Like A Prayer album, she also went back to earlier days and songs such as Like A Virgin before topping the show off with her latest hit, Vogue.



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